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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Masao SHINDO et al.

Group Art Unit: 3748

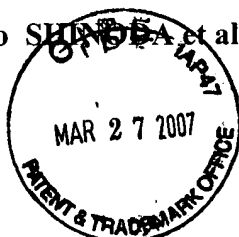
Application No.: 10/525,009

Examiner: Theresa Trieu

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For: VANE-TYPE HYDRAULIC MOTOR



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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

March 27, 2007

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated March 13, 2007, and having a response due date set for April 13, 2007.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has required an election of one of the species below:

Species I Figs. 2-3 (claim 1); and

Species II Figs. 4-11 (claims 2-15).

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Species II, Figs. 4-11. Claims 2-15 read on the elected embodiment. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the Applicants' rights to the filing of a Divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

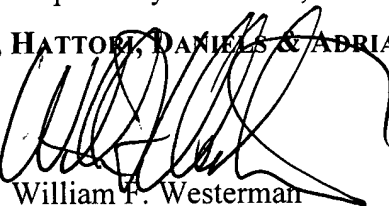
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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